



## **Meriden COVID-19 Response Weekly Update** **January 31 to February 4, 2022**

*From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services*

City of Meriden – as of February 3, 2022	<a href="#"><u>Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases</u></a>	COVID-19 Associated Deaths	State Alert System Status
Total Cases	15,518 total (14,244 confirmed and 1,294 probable)	193 confirmed and probable	<b>RED</b>

### **COVID-19 VACCINATION**

**As of February 3, 2021:**

**70.96% of Meriden's eligible residents are  
FULL VACCINATED. This is +0.95% since last week.**

**77.68% of Meriden's eligible residents have  
INITIATED VACCINATION. This is +0.27% since last week.**

**Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine  
Community Health Center, Inc.**

**Every Saturday and Sunday  
10am-4pm**

**CHC of Meriden  
134 State Street, Meriden**

**Wear clothing that is accessible for  
vaccination in the arm.**

**Offering Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson  
& Johnson Vaccines & Boosters**

**Age 5 years and older**

**VACCINATION CLINIC**

For CHC Vaccine Locations  
visit: <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-vaccine/>

**Obtenga su vacuna de COVID-19  
Community Health Center, Inc.**

**Todos los Sábados y Domingos  
10am-4pm**

**CHC de Meriden  
134 State Street, Meriden**

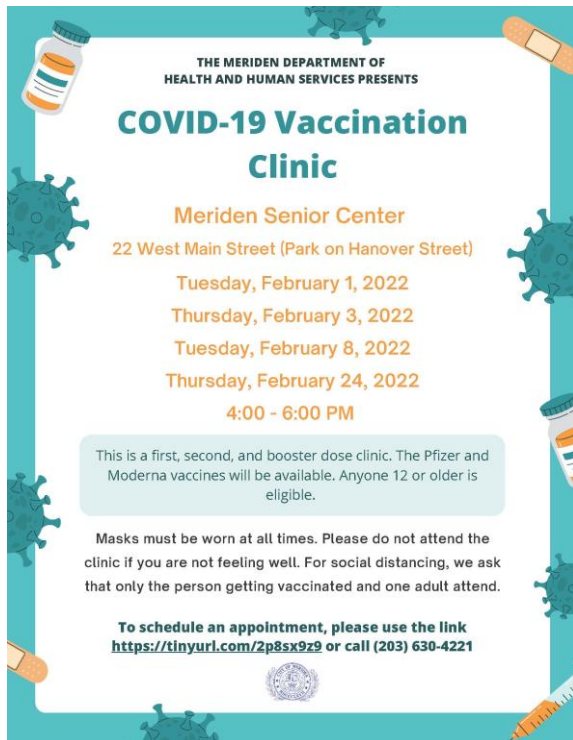
**Traiga identificación. Use ropa que sea  
accesible para la vacunación en el brazo.**

**Vacunas y vacunas de refuerzo de  
Pfizer, Moderna y J&J disponibles**

**Edades de 5 años y más**

**CLÍNICA DE VACUNACIÓN EMERGENTE**

Para conocer las ubicaciones de prueba de CHC,  
visite: <https://www.chc1.com/covid-19-vaccine/>



Register for our February COVID-19 vaccination clinics through the link below  
<https://tinyurl.com/3ken69hv>  
 or call us at 203-630-4221.

Please note these will be our last COVID-19 vaccine clinics until further notice.

**MODERNA VACCINE UPDATE:** On January 31, 2022, U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a second COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine; the approved vaccine will be marketed as Spikevax for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older.

Key points:

- Spikevax meets the FDA’s rigorous standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality required for approval.
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine has been available under emergency use authorization (EUA) for individuals 18 years of age and older since Dec. 18, 2020.

[Read more about the approval here.](#)

## MERIDEN VACCINATION DATA

**Meriden Vaccination Rates by [Age Group](#):**

Age Group	Percent with at least one dose (as of 2/3/2022)	Difference since last week (1/26/2022)
Age 5 to 11	32.41	+0.77
Age 12 to 17	78.8	+0.64
Age 18 to 24	78.85	+0.61
Age 25 to 44	79.66	+0.7
Age 45 to 64	90.18	+0.07

Age 65 +	100	No change
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Fully Vaccinated (as of 2/3/2022)</b>	<b>Difference since last week (1/26/2022)</b>
Age 5 to 11	24.22	+2.96
Age 12 to 17	71.11	+1.12
Age 18 to 24	68.99	+0.84
Age 25 to 44	72.15	+0.87
Age 45 to 64	84.6	+0.57
Age 65+	97.94	+2.69

**Meriden Vaccination by [Race/Ethnicity](#):**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Percent with at least one dose (as of 2/3/2022)</b>	<b>Difference since last week (1/26/2022)</b>
NH American Indian	37.4	-0.7
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	80.3	+0.2
NH Black	66.8	+0.3
Hispanic	80.1	+0.8
NH White	65.	+0.2
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Fully Vaccinated (as of 2/3/2022)</b>	<b>Difference since last week 1/26/2022)</b>
NH American Indian	30.6	-0.7
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	68.6	+4.2
NH Black	60.7	+2.6
Hispanic	71.1	+0.9
NH White	61.9	+0.3


## COVID-19 BREAKTHROUGH CASES

### Data updates on breakthrough cases in Connecticut

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is reporting that as of January 25, 2022, a total of 157,682 cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated persons in Connecticut have been identified. Of the more than 2.6 million people in Connecticut who are fully vaccinated, 5.84% have contracted the virus.

For more data on breakthrough cases in Connecticut, [see pages 6 through 9 of this week's extended COVID-19 data report](#).

## TESTING INFORMATION



**Wren Laboratories**

**Wren Laboratories provides Covid-19 testing at State Supported Testing Sites**

• Safe, effective, COVID-19 saliva-based testing  
• Convenient, simple, painless and takes only 2-3 minutes to complete  
• 99.9% accurate  
• Patients will be asked for insurance information, there is no cost or out-of-pocket expense for a COVID test at all State sponsored locations.  
• Results are obtained via email within 2-3 business days.

**COVID-19 Test Sites**

Old Saybrook	Middletown, CT	Meriden, CT
115 College Street	Cross Street AME Zion Church 440 West Street	Parking Lot 13 Orange Street
		Meriden Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8am-12pm and 3-6pm. Saturdays 8am-12pm and 1-4pm.

Please go to website for the latest day and time information at each location, and to pre-schedule an appointment.  
[wrencovidtesting.com/community.html](https://www.wrencovidtesting.com/community.html)

Limited walk-in appointments are available. Wait times may vary, so please plan ahead.

Wren Laboratories, 688 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06406 | Tel: (203) 208-3464 | [covid@wrenlaboratories.com](mailto:covid@wrenlaboratories.com)

Wren Labs operates a saliva-based PCR COVID testing site at 13 Orange Street, Meriden:

- Tuesdays 9am-12pm
- Thursdays 3-6pm
- Saturdays 9-12pm

There is no cost for the test; insurance information may be asked for. Please visit <https://www.meridenct.gov/covid-19-information/> for any holiday or weather closings.

This site is not operated by the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services. If you have questions or concerns about your test, please email Wren Labs at [covid@wrenlaboratories.com](mailto:covid@wrenlaboratories.com).

## Hartford HealthCare

Hartford Healthcare is offering COVID-19 testing at Midstate Medical Center (435 Lewis Avenue, Meriden) Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm by appointment only. No walk ins will be taken. [Make your appointment by clicking here.](#)



### [CLICK HERE FOR A FULL LIST OF COVID-19 testing at State Supported Testing Sites:](#)

Persons being tested for COVID-19 at State Supported Testing Sites will be asked for their insurance information but there will be no out-of-pocket expenses. Additionally, if their insurance does not pay, the individual will not be billed. **\*\*Note: If individuals do not have insurance, they will be tested and not billed at any of these State Supported Testing Sites.\*\***

For a list of all testing sites in Connecticut, please visit Infoline 211:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yax8yg4p>

## SCHOOL UPDATES

Below is a dashboard maintained by Meriden Public Schools on the number of positive students and staff, and quarantined students and staff. Note that quarantine is due to being identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 exposure in any setting. For data sets on each school, please [visit the CT Open Data Portal.](#)

As of February 3, 2022:

Meriden Public Schools Quarantine Dashboard				
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff
Year Totals	1341	238	1694	27
Current Totals	26	4	0	0
Finished Totals	1315	234	1694	27
	Positive Students	Positive Staff	Quarantined Students	Quarantined Staff
Year Percentages	14.96%	17.00%	18.90%	1.93%
Current Percentage	0.29%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%

## TOWN ALERT LEVELS

The CT DPH provides a [weekly, color-coded COVID-19 alert map](#) for every city and town in the state, identifying the average daily case rate per 100,000 population over the last two weeks.

Historical data from 2020 can be found on the CT Data Portal: <https://tinyurl.com/mwr7w8fe>

Week	Cases over 14 days	Case Rate Per 100,000	Percent Test Positivity	Alert Level
12/20 to 1/2/2021	718	86.1	10.4%	RED
12/27 to 1/9/2021	797	95.6	10.4%	RED
1/6 to 1/13/2021	732	87.8	9.5%	RED
1/10 to 1/23/2021	615	73.8	7.9%	RED
1/17 to 1/30/2021	549	65.9	7.5%	RED
1/24 to 2/6/2021	478	57.3	7.7%	RED
1/31 to 2/13/2021	404	48.5	6.9%	RED
2/7 to 2/20/2021	324	38.9	5.6%	RED
2/14 to 2/27/2021	281	33.7	4.5%	RED
2/21 to 3/6/2021	219	26.3	3.9%	RED
2/28 to 3/13/2021	164	19.7	3.4%	RED
3/07 to 3/20/2021	196	23.5	3.9%	RED
3/14 to 3/27/2021	260	31.2	4.3%	RED
3/21 to 4/3/2021	287	34.4	4.5%	RED
3/28 to 4/10/2021	258	31.0	4.3%	RED
4/04 to 4/17/2021	258	31.0	4.4%	RED
4/11 to 4/24/2021	278	33.4	4.9%	RED
4/18 to 5/1/2021	237	28.4	4.5%	RED
4/25 to 5/8/2021	207	24.9	4.3%	RED
5/2 to 5/15/2021	126	15.2	3.4%	RED
5/9 to 5/22/2021	60	7.8	2.4%	YELLOW
5/16 to 5/29/2021	<5	<5	1.5%	GRAY
5/23 to 6/05/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY

5/30 to 6/12/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/06 to 6/19/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/13 to 6/23/2021	<5	<5	0.8%	GRAY
6/20 to 7/3/2021	<5	<5	0.7%	GRAY
6/27 to 7/10/2021	<5	<5	1.2%	GRAY
7/04 to 7/17/2021	<5	<5	1.7%	GRAY
7/11 to 7/24/2021	47	5.7	2.6%	YELLOW
7/18 to 7/31/2021	78	9.6	3.1%	YELLOW
7/25 to 8/7/2021	140	16.8	4.0%	RED
8/1 to 8/14/2021	168	20.2	5.2%	RED
8/8 to 8/21/2021	156	18.8	4%	RED
8/15 to 8/28/2021	179	21.5	5.8%	RED
8/22 to 9/04/2021	169	20.3	5.3%	RED
8/29 to 9/11/2021	140	16.8	4.3%	RED
9/5 to 9/18/2021	130	15.3	3.7%	RED
9/12 to 9/25/2021	121	14.7	3.3%	ORANGE
9/19 to 10/02/2021	118	14.2	3.2%	ORANGE
9/26 to 10/9/2021	128	15.4	3.4%	RED
10/3 to 10/16/2021	120	14.4	3.3%	ORANGE
10/10 to 10/23/2021	105	12.6	3.0%	ORANGE
10/17 to 10/30/2021	103	12.4	3.1%	ORANGE
10/24 to 11/6/2021	102	12.3	3.5%	ORANGE
10/31 to 11/13/2021	120	14.4	4.0%	ORANGE
11/07 to 11/20/2021	148	17.8	4.5%	RED
11/14 to 11/27/2021	211	25.4	6.2%	RED
11/21 to 12/4/2021	346	41.6	8.7%	RED
11/28 to 12/11/2021	475	57.1	9.4%	RED
12/5 to 12/18/2021	667	80.2	11.7%	RED
12/12 to 12/25/2021	971	116.8	16.2%	RED
12/19/2021 to 1/1/2022	1,832	220.3	27%	RED
12/26/2021 to 1/8/2022	2,656	319.4	35.5%	RED
1/02 to 1/15/2022	2,217	266.6	34.1%	RED
1/9 to 1/22/2022	1,377	165.6	26.6%	RED
1/16 to 1/29/2022	771	92.7	19.9%	RED

[This dataset](#) includes a count and rate per 100,000 population for COVID-19 cases, a count of COVID-19 molecular diagnostic tests, and a percent positivity rate for tests among people living in community settings for the previous two-week period. Dates are based on date of specimen collection (cases and positivity).



## CONTACT TRACING

If you get a call from one of our contact tracers or a state CT DPH contact tracer, **please answer!**



Our office continues to use the state [ContaCT Tracing System](#) to follow up on known contacts of COVID-19 positive Meriden residents who have a lab-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

Due to the large number of cases, our Contact Tracers prioritize those under the age of 18 and any case that comes into our system in the last 24 hours. We do not do contact tracing on weekends and holidays.

The information collected through ContaCT will be used to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We ask about vaccination and booster status to help [determine if a person needs to quarantine](#) if exposed to someone with COVID-19.

**\*\*Note**, we do not do contact tracing for private businesses or clubs. We do provide guidance to the point-person of each entity on how to identify close contacts. We also provide this guidance to the individual that tests positive so they can contact their close contacts and ask them to quarantine.

**We will NEVER ask for social security or financial information.  
We will NEVER disclose your COVID-19 status to identified close contacts.**

## NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING UPDATE (BIWEEKLY)

**Bi-weekly update on the impact of COVID-19 on nursing homes**

The following documents contain the bi-weekly data regarding each of the nursing homes in Connecticut that have reported positive cases of COVID-19. The data is presented as it was reported to the state by each of the facilities. These reports are issued every other Thursday.

**\*\*Download:** [Report from February 3, 2022 on COVID-19 in Connecticut nursing homes](#)

### **Governor Lamont Issues Order Requiring Nursing Home Visitors Show Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination or Negative Test Result**

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont announced that he has issued an executive order ([Executive Order No. 14F](#)) directing all nursing homes in Connecticut to require visitors to either show proof that they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have recently tested negative for the virus in order to enter the facilities.

“We know that some of the people who are most vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19 include those who live in nursing homes, which is why we need to be doing everything we can to protect them from this virus,” **Governor Lamont said**. “This is one more precaution we can implement at these facilities to keep them safe.”

Specifically, when entering nursing homes, visitors must:

- Provide proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and, if eligible, under FDA or CDC guidance, have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster;
- Provide paper or electronic proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from either a rapid antigen test that was completed within the previous 48 hours or a PCR test that was completed within the previous 72 hours; or
- Take a rapid antigen test at the nursing home.

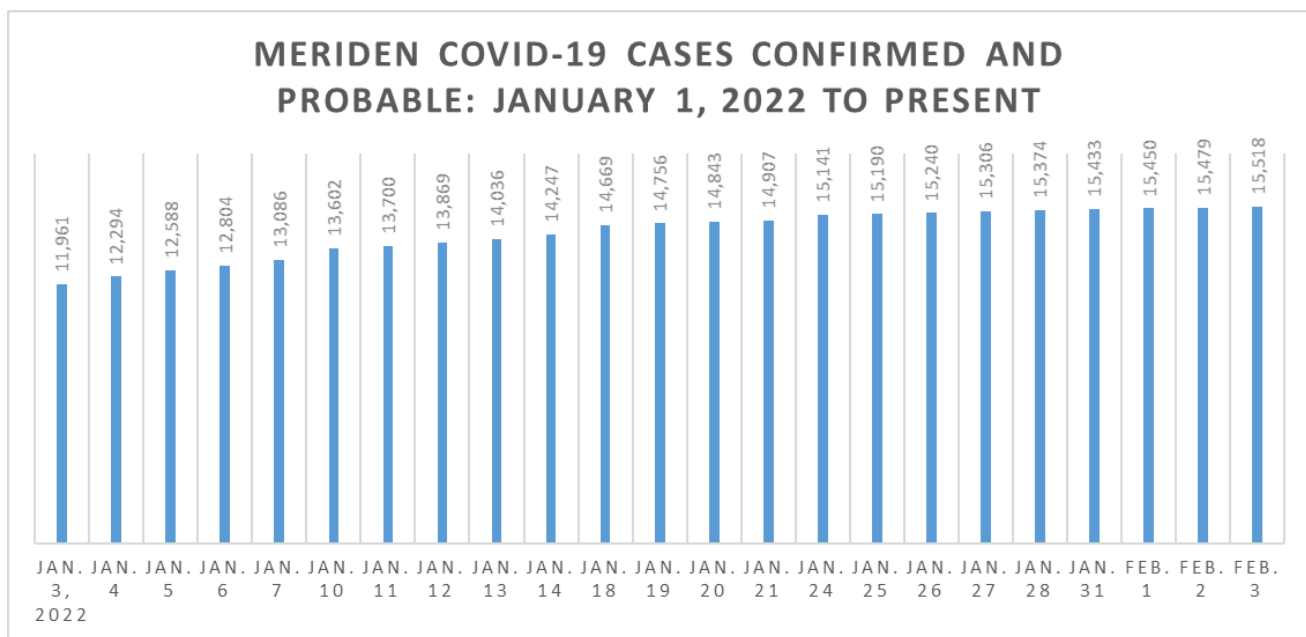
The order requires nursing homes to deny entrance to any visitor that tests positive for COVID-19 or who refuses to take a rapid antigen test. The order further provides, according to guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, that a nursing home cannot deny entrance to any visitor who is willing to take a rapid antigen test but is unable to do so because the nursing home is not able to provide a rapid antigen test.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health plans on distributing 50,000 rapid antigen tests to all nursing homes. These are to be used exclusively to facilitate safe visitation. Distribution will begin on Friday, January 21, 2022.

The order took effect on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

**\*\*Download:** [Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 14F](#)

## MERIDEN DATA CHARTS





Meriden COVID-19 Total Cases By Month (Confirmed and Probable)

